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Sir:

This is a Response to the Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment filed March 17, 2004. In the Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment, it was indicated that the reply filed on January 28, 2004 was Non-Responsive because it did not enclose a copy of a PTO form 1449 and an Official Search Report that had been submitted in an earlier IDS, but appears to not be present in the U.S. PTO file. Attached herewith is the form 1449 and a copy of the official Search Report of the European Patent Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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